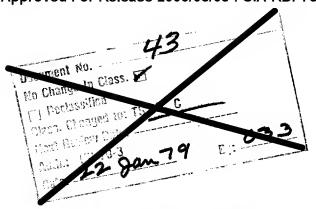
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The Concrable aditor billions Acting Secretary Department of Commerce Jackington Z, C. C.

Tear A. Filliams:

This is in reply to your letter of 11 September 1953 requesting the views of the Central Intelligence Agency in connection with the principle adopted by the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security that all United States aircresmen engaged in international flights be subjected to security clearance.

The Central Intelligence Apency fully indorses the principle which has been adopted and believes that it would be in the best interests of the United States to insure that it receives the broadest application possible. However, this Agency is prohibited by statute from exercising internal security functions and it is not believed that the security clearance of persons in the extegories mentioned would directly affect our functions.

For your information, we formerd routinely to the Federal increas of Investigation any information received from overseas sources which relates to  $\overline{v}$ . S. citizens and has a bearing on internal accurity.

If, in the future, this igoncy can be of further assist-

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